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In re Patent Application of:) MAIL STOP: AF
Kazuhiro Ohsuye et al.) Group Art Unit: 1652
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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PEPTIDES USING A HELPER PEPTIDE)))

AMENDMENT AND REPLY AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2004, Applicants submit herewith the instant Amendment and Reply and Petition for three month Extension of Time extending the period for response from October 1, 2004 to January 3, 2005 (January 1 and 2, 2005 were a Saturday and Sunday, respectively).